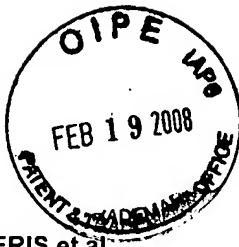


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In re application of: **Pierre BARBERIS et al.**  
Application No.: **10/541,262**  
Filed: **June 30, 2005**  
For: **METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCT MADE OF ZIRCONIUM ALLOY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A FLAT PRODUCT AND USE THEREOF**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Office Action (11 pages)** in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.  
 Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.  
 No fee for additional claims is required.

For	No. Claims Remaining		Highest No. Claims previously paid for	Difference (0 if < 0)	Small Entity	Large Entity	Fee
Total Claims	20	minus	20 (20 if less than 20)	0 x	\$25	\$50	= 0
Independent Claims	3	minus	3 (3 if less than 3)	0 x	\$105	\$210	= 0
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Also transmitted herewith are:  
 Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
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 Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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